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News Nuggets – Macomb County news highlights

Board votes to cut commissioners' travel

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners trimmed money from its own travel budget as it works to reduce county expenditures.

The board voted Thursday, Jan. 25, to send only one representative to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference and decided not to fund any commissioners to attend the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) conference in Lansing.

The NACo conference is March 3-7 in Washington, D.C. The MAC conference is Feb. 12-13.

Commissioner Brian Brdak (D-New Baltimore) will represent Macomb County at the MAC conference, but the association is paying his expenses because he is a member of the MAC board of directors.

Committee assignments, 2007 meeting schedule approved by County Board

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners on Thursday, Jan. 25, approved Chairman William Crouchman's recommended committee assignments for the 2007-08 term.

Democrats, who hold an 18-8 majority on the 26-member Board of Commissioners, were assigned to chair seven committees while Republicans will chair five committees. Democrats hold a majority of seats on all committees, except the Ethics Committee, which is required to have three members from each party.

The membership of each committee is available at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MACOMB_GOV/BOC_Committees.htm. Agendas and minutes of meetings eventually will be available online, as they become available.

Commissioners also approved the 2007 meeting schedule for committees and the board. The board calendar is available at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MACOMB_GOV/BOC_Calendar.htm .

District maps, commissioner photos and background information are available at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MACOMB_GOV/index.htm .

Hospital Finance Authority Board gets new member

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted on Thursday, Jan. 25, to appoint Dana Camphous-Peterson (D-Harrison Township) to the County of Macomb Hospital Finance Authority Board of Directors.

Her five-year term begins immediately and expires Dec. 31, 2012.

Camphous-Peterson, vice chair of the Board of Commissioners, represents the residents of District 18, which includes southeast Clinton Township and Harrison Township.

The Hospital Finance Authority issues bonds to provide funds for financing construction and facility improvements for Mount Clemens General Hospital.

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Local Emergency Planning Committee gets new members

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Jan. 25, to appoint two new members to the Macomb County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Shawn Emch was appointed to represent hospital personnel and Calleen Austin was appointed to represent the community and human services groups.

Emch, of Algonac, is an emergency preparedness manager at St. Joseph's Macomb Hospital. Austin, of Warren, is the assistant director to the Salvation Army's volunteer coordinator.

The appointees serve until they are removed by the general membership. The appointments must be approved by the State Emergency Response Commission.

Board fills vacancy on Retiree Health Care Board

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Jan. 25, to fill a vacancy on the Retiree Health Care Board.

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County Commissioner Andre Duzyj was appointed to serve an indefinite term on the board. Duzyj (D-Warren) represents the residents of District 1, which includes southwest Warren.

The seat was left vacant by the departure of former County Commissioner Bill Revoir.

Substance Advisory Board keeps veteran member

The Macomb County Board voted Thursday, Jan. 25, to re-appoint David Saad to the Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

Saad, a parole officer from Sterling Heights, will serve another three-year term to begin Sept. 1.

The Substance Abuse Advisory Council meets throughout the year to review the needs of the community and ensure they are getting the services required to meet those needs.

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